

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

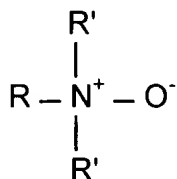
1. (currently amended) A method for controlling the fluid loss in treating a subterranean formation which comprises treating said formation with a viscoelastic treating fluid which comprises~~comprising~~:

~~providing an aqueous viscoelastic treating fluid having:~~

an aqueous base fluid; and

one or more non-ionic amido amine oxide surfactant gelling agents

having the formula:



where R is an alkylamido group averaging from about 8 to ~~274~~ 27 carbon atoms and R' are independently hydrogen or alkyl groups averaging from about 1 to 3 carbon atoms as the only gelling agents employed;

wherein said viscoelastic treating fluid further comprises a salt or solid, or and mixtures thereof;

wherein said treatment comprises

injecting the aqueous viscoelastic surfactant treating fluid through a wellbore and into the subterranean formation; ~~and treating the subterranean formation under conditions effective to control fluid loss, do so, where treating is selected from~~

~~controlling fluid loss where the viscoelastic treating fluid further comprises a salt or solid; and mixtures thereof, and~~

breaking the gel of the aqueous viscoelastic treating fluid subsequent to treating said formation.

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (original) The method of claim 1 where the non-ionic amido amine oxide surfactant gelling agent is employed is present in the aqueous base fluid in a proportion from about 0.5 to about 25 vol. %.

5. (canceled).

6. (original) The method of claim 1 where the non-ionic amido amine oxide surfactant gelling agent is tallow amido propylamine oxide (TAPAO).

7. (original) The method of claim 1 where the aqueous base fluid is brine.

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the breaking of the gel of the aqueous viscoelastic treating fluid is accomplished by a mechanism selected from the group consisting of contact with a hydrocarbon, contact with alkoxylated alcohol solvents, dilution, and contact with at least one reactive agent.

Claims 10-18 canceled.